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INVENTOR NAMED INVENTOR OR APPLICATION IDENTIFIER: **Michael E. Leckrone et al.**  
TITLE: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING INTRA-PERICARDIAL ACCESS**

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.10:** I hereby certify that this Utility Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, "EXPRESS No. EV 331 792 625 US, on this 26th day of June, 2003.

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☒ **Patent Application Transmittal**

☒ **Specification:**

**Total pages:** 30 (including claims and abstract: Spec. 18 sheets; Claims 11 sheets; Abstract 1)

☒ **Drawings:**

**Total sheets:** 15

☒ formal ☐ informal

☒ **Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:**

☐ executed

☒ copy from prior application

☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))

☐ Incorporation by Reference - *The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.*

☒ **Accompanying application parts:**

☐ Notification of filing a

☐ Assignment of the Invention to Medtronic, Inc.

☐ Assignment cover sheet

☐ Information Disclosure Statement

☐ PTO Form 1449

☐ Copies of IDS citations

☒ Preliminary Amendment

☐ A copy of the Petition or Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application.

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**IF A CONTINUING APPLICATION:**

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**Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application**

No. 09/430,096, filed October 29, 1999.

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**Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/430,096, filed October 29, 1999, now allowed.--**

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**Cancel in this application original claims 1-19, 26-33 and 38-40 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least the original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)**

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**The prior application is assigned of record to Medtronic, Inc.**

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**The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: Girma Wolde-Michael.**

☐ This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) Serial No.(s) \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

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Total Claims	10	20	=	0		x 18	0
Independent Claims	8	3	=	5		x 84	420
Multiple Dependent Claims	0			0		+ 280	0
Basic Filing Fee							\$750.00
TOTAL							1170.00

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